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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 2008-0083 -- Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

This letter is pursuant to the Prehearing Conference Order filed on October 20, 2009 ("Prehearing Order"). The Prehearing Order required Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and the Division of Consumer Advocacy to advise the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") whether there would be any objection to Mr. Stephen Hill, the cost of capital witness for the Department of the Navy on behalf of the Department of Defense ("DoD"), not being made available for cross-examination.

The Consumer Advocate hereby advises the Commission that it does not object to the absence of Mr. Stephen Hill from the evidentiary hearings. Furthermore, as stated in the Prehearing Conference on October 19, 2009, the Consumer Advocate would not object to the absence of Mr. Ralph Smith, the DoD revenue requirement witness, either.

Sincerely yours,

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